Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is impossible to say now.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—What was the cost of this ornamental work?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Rs. 1,600.

Works not given to the lowest tenderer.

15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works, with the estimate amounts, which were not given to the lowest tenderers by the P. W. D. in 1107?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A list is appended (*Vide Appendix VI*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why these works were not given to the lowest tenderers?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the first place the notifications for tenders were not binding upon the Government to give the work to the lowest tenderer. In accepting tenders many considerations arise besides the tendered rates. In the case of all these works the authority who is competent to dispose of the tenders have evidently thought that the lowest tenderer could not do the work satisfactorily as the particular tender which was accepted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the special reason for item No. 8 i. e. for constructing a laboratory for Rs. 9,000. Why was it not given to the lowest tenderer?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Government thought that the lowest tenderer could not do the work satisfactorily as the one contractor to whom it was actually entrusted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On what grounds?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the opinion of the Government the contractor who was actually selected could be relied upon to do the work satisfactorily. The Government is not also bound to accept the lowest tender always.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—May I know the difference between the two amounts?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want an answer to my question. Does he say that he is not bound to give the reasons?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I never meant that I am not bound to give the reasons to this House. That was not what I meant. I am perfectly willing to give whatever reasons I have got. What I meant was that the Government was not binding to accept the lowest tenders always.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has the Government recorded the reasons for rejecting these tenders?

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Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No reasons are recorded.

Works undertaken by Panchayats without provision in the budget.

16. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works above Rs. 500 undertaken by the Panchayat in 1107 for which no provision was made in the budget?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—The list containing the information is appended (*Vide Appendix VII*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the reason why these works were undertaken when so many works had lapsed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—So many works have not lapsed. Many of them were incompleted works for which there was a lump provision in the budget.

Works not executed by the Panchayat Department.

17. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state the item of works sanctioned in the budget for Panchayats in 1107 but lapsed for non-execution and how such amounts were utilised ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The list containing the necessary information is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII*).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know why these works lapsed ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There were only 7 works which have lapsed and the other works were transferred to other items of works at the requests of the Panchayats concerned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are 27 items in the answer given. Here it is not stated that these were transferred to other works.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The name of the work for which the amount was transferred is given in column No. 4 and in the remarks column is given all the items of works which have actually lapsed and the amounts of which have lapsed to the Sirkar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the special reasons for allowing these items to be lapsed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They are not items of work that have lapsed but are works the amounts of which were transferred.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then which are the items lapsed.

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APPENDIX VI.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 15.)

Items of works with estimate amounts which were not given to the lowest tenderers in 1107 by the P. W. D.

Serial No.	*Name of work.*	*Estimate amount.* Rs. A. P.
1	Maintenance of road beyond Amballur and Palappilli road for 1932	313 0 0
2	Repairs to Villchira	775 0 0
3	Maintenance of Palappilii road for 1932	4,219 0 0
4	Do of Thekkattusseri and Cherusseri road for 1932	569 0 0
5	Do from Urakam Police Station to Pallisseri Church road	106 0 0
6	Reconstructing a fire engine shed at Kunnamkulam	1,650 0 0
7	Do at Trichur	1,500 0 0
8	Constructing Bacteriological laboratory for General Hospital	9,000 0 0
9	Do bridge over Keccheri river	7,300 0 0
10	Do waiting rooms for Legislative Couucil Members	4,760 0 0
11	Do a Palace for H. H. Ikku Tampuran, grand-daughter of the Senior Rani	24,000 0 0
12	Do M. S. Kattur	14,280 0 0
13	Tiling sheds in the High School, Irinjalakkuda	2,500 0 0
14	Maintenance of Nelliampathy ghat road	2,890 0 0
15	Water Tower in Hill Palace	3,450 0 0
16	Bath room for the Sankariah Home	1,160 0 0

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